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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST  
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ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: <u>The Comas - Cunningham house</u>			
AND/OR HISTORIC: <u>- Silk Hat Factory -</u>			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Northwest corner, Abingdon &amp; Old Philadelphia Roads</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Abingdon</u>			
STATE: <u>Md.</u>	CODE:	COUNTY: <u>Harford</u>	CODE:
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Vacant Rental prop.</u>
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNERS NAME: <u>Mrs Howard Mc Comas Jr. &amp; Mr Howard Mc Comas III</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>SouthEast corner Abingdon &amp; Old Philadelphia Roads</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Abingdon</u>		STATE: <u>Md</u>	CODE: <u>21009</u>
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>BEL AIR</u>		STATE: <u>MARYLAND</u>	CODE: <u>40 S. MAIN ST</u>
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE:

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<u>Much</u> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Frame house, clapboard covered, facing south. The A roof/ridge runs east-west. Once an oblong house 4 bays by 2. There is a lean-to addition to the entire back (north) side of the house making the floor-plan square 4 bays by 4 downstairs (4 bays x 3 upstairs). The lean-to roof adds only a half-story at the rear, and raises to about 4' of the peak.

There is one chimney inside the west wall.

A one-story porch shelters the south or ~~front~~ ~~side~~ of the house and a large dormer over the front door lights the first floor which is lighted also by a window in the east end and two in the west end walls.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

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## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☒Music ☐Transportation ☐

*Abandoned  
rental  
property.*

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Additions may disguise an older frame house. Poorly maintained for years it is scheduled for demolition.

This is the building in which silk hats were first made in America, well-known from 1800 to 1820 for the manufacture of high beaver hats.

Other industries in Abingdon were a silversmithy, gunsmithy, pottery, and three cabinet-makers establishments, one cabinet-coffin maker surviving as a thriving undertaker's establishment to 1972.

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Martenets Prop of Harford County 1878  
 Wright, C. Nelson Our Harford Heritage p 334-337

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		
ORGANIZATION	JEAN S. EWING Maryland Historical Trust, Box 1704 Annapolis, Md. 21404	DATE
STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Ave		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Mc Comas - Cunningham house

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HA-852

Name McComas-Cunningham House Site  
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The house has been demolished. Its former site is occupied by a 7-11 convenience store and gas station.





HA-852

Former site of McComas-Cunningham House

Harford County, MD

Douglas C. McVane

December 23, 2010

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Former site of house

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